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## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PLACE OF ANNUAL MEETING.**—The informal ballot of the Council resulted in a considerable plurality of votes in favor of Chicago and the choice has since been ratified by a majority vote. The dates are likely to be December 28 and 29.

**LOCAL BRANCHES.**—Local branches have been recently organized at Colgate University, George R. Berry, Chairman, and at the University of Maine, A. P. Raggio, Chairman, George D. Chase, Secretary. At the University of Minnesota, George N. Bauer, and at Northwestern University, William A. Locy, have been elected chairmen for the current year.

Valuable expressions of opinion in regard to the interpretation of certain requirements for membership, and in regard to suggested amendments have been received from several local branches and transmitted to Chairman Woodward of Committee E. Others will be acceptable.

**ACADEMIC FREEDOM REPORTS.**—The Montana report issued herewith as Part Two completes the publication of the work of 1915. The delay has been due to exceptional conditions and to the wide separation of members of the Committee. This BULLETIN includes the second report of the present Committee on Academic Freedom and Academic Tenure, dealing with a somewhat remarkable situation in the College of Wooster. The number of such cases brought to the attention of the officers of the Association is unfortunately too large for adequate treatment by our existing machinery, and the selection of cases which can be most advantageously investigated is a matter of no small difficulty.

### NATIONAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF COLLEGES AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

The report of the tenth annual conference held at New York, March 24, deals with a number of interesting questions, and also summarizes the work of the previous decade.

The conference includes representatives of the National Association of State Universities, the College Entrance Examination Board, The New England College Entrance Certificate Board, the Carnegie Foundation, The U. S. Bureau of Education and the four college and preparatory school associations of New England, the

Middle States and Maryland, the Southern States and the North Central States.

Among matters dealt with in various years are: the establishment and conduct of certificate boards for college admission and the use of their lists; the transfer of college entrance examinations to the college board; migration of college students, honorable dismissal, etc.; participation of secondary schools in the framing of admission requirements. The present report deals in some detail with migration of college students and with college marking systems, of which a tabular list is given for sixty-four institutions. Reprints of this may be obtained on application to Prof. F. W. Nicolson, Wesleyan University.

**MIGRATION.**—In regard to migration, the report reads in part as follows:

Candidates for transfer are of all sorts and descriptions, but omitting the cases when a transfer is desired because the family has moved to another part of the country, they fall into two very general types: those who are not doing well academically and who think they may improve their chances for a degree by a change; and those who are making good records but who feel that they can make a better investment of their time at some other institution. Speaking very generally, the first group includes the undesirables and the second group the desirables.

It would certainly be desirable if an impartial body, such as the Conference on Standards, could approve and recommend to the colleges some plan of procedure sufficiently elastic to safeguard the interests both of the good college and of the serious and capable student.

The Committee is not unanimous as to the definite policy to be recommended. The following three general plans have been proposed, subject in each case to satisfactory certificate of health, character, and conduct, after a college residence of at least a year, and the filing of an application with full details in sufficient time to enable the case to receive careful study before the opening of the term:

1. That a reasonably definite statement as to the minimum period of residence and the specific subjects, if any, which will be prescribed should be made in advance to candidates from approved institutions standing in the highest third of their classes, all other candidates to be admitted, if at all, as unclassified students, with the understanding that details as to candidacy for a degree can be determined only after the completion of an approved program. Or

2. That students may be admitted to candidacy on the basis of a satisfactory academic record, as evidenced by complete transcript from a standard college, final credit toward degree, however, to be contingent upon subsequent satisfactory record in college to which transfer is made. Or

3. That admission shall depend upon satisfactory record, but that no candidate shall be fully accepted as a candidate for a degree with terms of graduation exactly defined until after the work of one full college year, and that no student shall receive a degree except after two full years of residence and study.

The report was accepted and the Committee continued, and the members requested to obtain information from the colleges upon the approved list of the Association of American Universities as to the adoption of a general policy and its announcement in the catalogues of the institutions concerned.

**CARNEGIE FOUNDATION PROPOSALS.**—The Commission of eleven members, including two representatives of this Association, has completed its work and rendered a report on the Proposed Plan of Insurance and Annuities to the Carnegie Foundation. Essentially the recommendations contained in the report are understood to have been accepted by the Foundation. Copies of the Report have been sent to members of Committee P, but it is not yet available for publication.

**COMMITTEE J. DISTINCTIONS BETWEEN THE SEVERAL HONORARY DEGREES AND THE BASIS FOR CONFERRING THEM**

**TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON HONORARY DEGREES:**

Since receipt of your replies to my last (second) circular letter, I have continued to investigate the whole subject of honorary degrees. Owing to the European war, I have been placed at certain disadvantages in obtaining material. Nevertheless, I judge that the facts and statistics now assembled are sufficient to admit of a tentative report. This I propose to outline in the near future. In these circumstances, I should be greatly obliged were all members of the committee to favor me with further suggestions, and this without delay. R. M. WENLEY, *Chairman, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.*

**COMMITTEE O. REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PH.D. DEGREE.**—In view of the action of the Association at its last Annual Meeting, the members of Committee O on the Ph.D. Degree will be glad to receive information regarding institutions in which this degree is conferred under fraudulent conditions or as a result of gross irregularities in the requirements for the degree. Communications should be addressed to the *Chairman, James R. Angell, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.*

**COMMITTEE S. SUMMER SCHOOL ORGANIZATION.**—The chairman of the committee (*F. N. Scott, University of Michigan*) will be glad to receive communications bearing on the following questions from anyone who is interested:

1. Upon what principles—economic, psychological, physiological, or other—may be determined (a) the ideal length of a term, or

other period of continuous instruction, (b) the proportion of vacation to working-time?

2. In what institution of higher education was a summer school first organized as an integral part?

3. Was the quarter system in use anywhere prior to its establishment at the University of Chicago?

4. Has any institution ever divided the college year into three terms of four months each?

The chairman will also welcome reports of specific cases in which the summer school has operated adversely to the increase of salaries or the pursuit of research.

COMMITTEE T. THE PLACE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE FACULTY IN UNIVERSITY GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION.—The committee has begun its work. The chairman has sent out to the members of the committee a list of topics to be considered. Among these are—methods of nomination and election of administrative officers and members of the instructional staff, methods of determining budgets, functions of the faculty in the determination of changes in educational policies, functions of the faculty in the control of student discipline and extra-curricular activities, the place of the faculty in judging the efficiency of its own members, procedure in cases of dismissal and demotion of members of the professorate, the delimitation of the respective provinces and powers of the Board of Trustees and the faculty. Local branches and individual members of the Association have been asked to consider these topics, with the local member of the committee. The chairman invites members of the Association at other points to communicate to him any views which they may hold strongly on the above topics. He will be glad to send, upon application, copies of the "Proposed Constitution for the Ohio State University," being the report of the local committee on university organization now in print, so long as the supply holds out. *J. A. Leighton (Philos.), Chairman, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.*

The Secretary is indebted to Professor Vaughan MacCaughey of the College of Hawaii for a type-written bibliography on "The College President," the references beginning with 1911.

CIRCULARS OF INFORMATION.—A considerable supply of the four-page circular is available for distribution to persons who may be interested to consider joining the Association.

## TREASURER'S STATEMENT

Cash on hand December 27, 1916.....	\$109.97
Contributions towards 1916 deficit.....	1,025.05
1916 bills paid.....	\$1,035.99
Balance from 1916.....	99.03
	\$1,135.02
	\$1,135.02

## SUMMARY OF 1916 DISBURSEMENTS

BULLETIN.....	\$1,293.72
Secretary's office.....	446.57
Secretary's expenses.....	94.46
Assistant secretary.....	479.11
Treasurer's office.....	65.25
President's office.....	191.90
Academic Freedom Reports of 1915.....	628.89
Com. A (Academic Freedom).....	306.72
Com. P (Pensions and Insurance).....	158.63
Other Committees.....	56.11
New York Annual Meeting.....	159.72
	\$3,881.08

## RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS 1917

Balance from 1916.....	\$99.03
Annual dues and sales of BULLETIN .....	3,423.90
Interest.....	13.97
BULLETIN (Jan., Feb., Mar., Apr.).....	\$875.33
Secretary's office.....	280.43
Assistant secretary.....	166.64
Treasurer's office.....	97.12
President's office.....	18.82
Com. A (Academic Freedom).....	26.63
Com. C (Methods of Recruiting).....	66.48
Com. M (Pan-American Recommendations)	12.85
Cash on hand, May 23, 1917.....	1,992.60
	\$3,536.90
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DUES.—Attention is called to the fact that, as shown in the Treasurer's Statement, a considerable number of dues are still unpaid. Under a recent vote of the Council, members whose dues are unpaid after June 1 cease to receive the BULLETIN.